

G. O. P. ELIMINATES NEGROES IN VIRGINIA

Blacks Are Denied Admission to Party Convention Held in Norfolk.

HOPE TO CARRY STATE

Leaders Believe That They Can Swing Election and Oust Democrats.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, NORFOLK, Va., July 23.—With a strong State ticket in the field and with the negro eliminated, Virginia Republicans are going to wage a vigorous campaign this year in the hope of putting the Old Dominion in the ranks of the G. O. P.

The convention held in Norfolk last week was probably the most interesting ever held in Virginia by Republicans. There was no mistaking the attitude of leaders toward the negro voters. They were not wanted.

Negro delegates elected in various parts of the State were denied admission to the convention hall. The old method of going over credentials, hearing complaints and seating the delegation that had the most pull was entirely sidetracked. There were no contests and no committees were named to hear the sides of contesting delegations.

There were policemen at the door of the convention hall and when negro delegations showed up they were turned away. Among the negroes turned away was J. M. Pollard of Richmond. He is a leader among his race. He was a candidate for the United States Senate against Senator Carter Glass a year ago. When he was turned away from the convention hall by a Newport man he went to the office of an afternoon newspaper and declared the convention was illegal. He said negro Republicans would hold their own convention in Richmond in September, would name their own ticket and appeal to the courts for recognition.

White Delegates Called For. It appears that the Republicans long before the Norfolk convention had planned to eliminate the negro from the party in Virginia. The word was sent down the line that only white delegates were to be sent to the convention. The "word" did not reach Newport, News and Hampton in time. Three negro delegates were elected in the latter place as part of the entire delegation from those cities.

These three negroes were admitted to the floor of the convention. They could not be sent away unless the entire white delegation from Newport News and Hampton was turned down.

Joseph Crutcher, State chairman of the Republican party, who presided at the convention, when told Pollard had threatened to call a convention of his own in Richmond declared it would not amount to anything.

"Good. Let him call it," was Mr. Crutcher's comment. Henry W. Anderson, the Republican nominee for Governor, was responsible for the insertion of a negro plank in the party's platform. No mention had been made of the race question in the original draft of platform, but Anderson insisted that the matter be given attention. On his suggestion the platform committee inserted this plank to meet Mr. Anderson's views:

"Experience has shown that the delicate problems arising out of the existence of the white and colored races in Virginia cannot be solved by abstract theories or by a policy of repression or evasion. We believe that a candid and constructive policy founded upon justice with due regard to the rights and responsibilities of both races is essential to the restoration and maintenance of free government in Virginia and the safety of our civilization."

"The people of each race have a right to their own social organizations and institutions; but any social intermingling or mixture of the races in Virginia is impossible. The personal right and social integrity of each race must be preserved and respected."

"Every citizen, white or colored, should support the party that most nearly represents his personal opinions. Political solidarity in either race is a menace to free institutions."

See Chance of Success.

C. Bacon Stier, the only Republican Representative in Congress from Virginia, declared at the convention that his party has an excellent chance of success at the polls in the November election. He declared there had been an awakening of the people and he believed Republicans could carry the State. Republican leaders in general were of the opinion that with the negro eliminated Democrats could no longer say the Republican Party was the black man's party.

With the Republicans denying negroes the right to sit in party councils with the white man, and the Democrats refusing to permit them to take part in their affairs the question asked by many politicians of both parties is "Where will the negro go?"

If they form a party of their own, their influence would not be great enough to endanger the success of either the Democrats or the Republicans. To whichever party they throw their votes that party would be the loser. If the Democrats catered to the negro they would lose more votes than they would gain by the accession of the negroes. If the Republicans sought the negro vote they too would lose any chance of winning white Democratic voters to their standard.

Bid for Woman Vote.

The Republicans made a strong bid for the woman vote. The party went on record as favoring a revision of the laws discriminating against women holding office. The party also gave women a place in the State ticket by nominating Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Oley of Lynchburg for Superintendent of Public Instruction. This is the first time either party in Virginia ever indorsed a woman for a place on the State ticket to be voted for by the people.

The following is the complete ticket as nominated at the Norfolk convention:

For Governor—Henry W. Anderson of Richmond.
For Lieutenant-Governor—John H. Heasinger of Washington county.
For Attorney-General—Harry K. Walcott of Norfolk.
For State Treasurer—J. W. Flanagan of Radford.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Oley of Lynchburg.

For Corporation Commissioner—Gibson Twigg of Fauquier.

For Secretary of the Commonwealth—T. H. Parsons of Grayson county.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—Jacob S. Halderman of Frederick county.

Miss Edna A. Beveridge of Baltimore, who came to Norfolk as a special delegate from the Republican National Committee to speak to Norfolk women, is busily engaged in getting women to organize a State federation of Republican clubs.

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For sixty years attempts have been made to retrieve the whiskey. Even today there are meetings behind closed doors where men who would have played picturesque parts as pals of Capt. Kidd or "Long John" Silver discuss means of getting at the buried treasure.

In 1861 the steamer City of Highbee cast off from St. Louis for Kansas City with 314 barrels of whiskey and other valuable freight on board. At a point some five miles south of Liberty, Mo., the steamer came into collision head-on with a cottonwood snag and before it could be righted a second cottonwood took it in front of the right wheel house, tearing a great hole in the hull.

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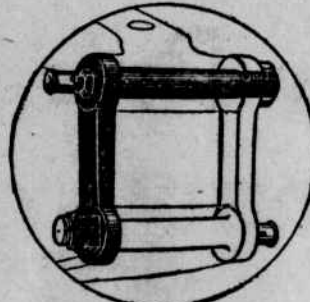
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